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Application No. 10/643,682 Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

Attorney Docket No. 03481/LH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mitsuhiko YAMAMOTO et al

Serial No. : 10/643,682

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed

July 18, 2005, the term for response to which expires on

October 18, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

Amendments to the Title are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are set forth on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1 to 13 are amended; claim 14 is maintained; claims 15 to 23 are canceled; claims 24 to 29 are added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Dated: October 18, 2005

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Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the original title with the following amended title:

CHEMICAL TREATMENT METHOD AND CHEMICAL

TREATMENT APPARATUS